

Pterostylis echinulata

Name and Authority

Pterostylis echinulata D.L.Jones & C.J.French

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'hairy leaf'; Diplodium echinulatum

Common Name

Hairy-leafed Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Austral.Orchid Rev. 79(6):41-44 (2014)

Distribution and Habitat

York to Mt Day, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A little known species 40–100 mm high with four to seven leaves forming a ground-hugging basal rosette 6–16 mm across, one to two cauline leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 5–6 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Hairy-stemmed Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis setulosa*) by its shorter stature, fewer cauline leaves and hairy margined rosette leaves. These features are, however, also found in some plants in populations of *P. setulosa* and the two taxa may represent forms of the same species.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Three



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Pterostylis echinulata distribution



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